

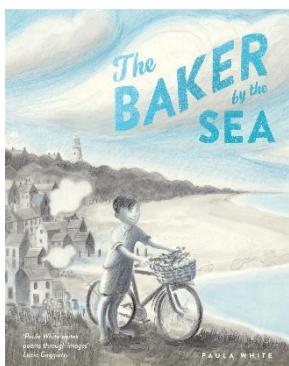
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had an amazing Christmas and New Year - the very best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, which you can read about in this newsletter. If you don't already do so, please follow us on Twitter to see what exciting things we get up to! @CCCRPRIMARY.

English

In English this term, our work will take into books by Paula White & Paul Fleischman. In the Baker by the Sea, we will explore letters, advertisements and tourist brochures. Whilst The Matchbox Diary will inspire us to write diaries and biographies.

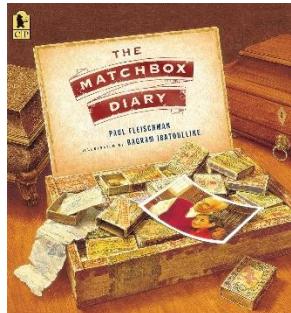


Whilst studying The Baker by the Seas, we will look carefully exploring word families, understanding the use of prefixes and suffixes and how they affect the root word.

When reading The Matchbox Diary, we will look carefully at the use of fronted adverbials to add interest to our writing. We will continue to build on extending the range of sentences with more than one clause.

How to help your child in English

Read with your child at least three times per week. Discuss tricky vocabulary and ask your child questions about the story they are reading. You can also practice the Year 3 and 4 spelling words sent home with the homework pack.



Maths

During Spring 1, we will be re-visiting a variety of arithmetic skills including converting Roman Numerals to 100. We will be revising our knowledge of written addition and subtraction methods alongside choosing the most appropriate methods with which to answer questions and problems.

We will also be extending our knowledge of fractions and decimals including money. In our Shape work we will be learning about area, positioning and direction.

In Spring 2, we will look at mental and written methods of multiplication and division including chunking. We will continue to focus on place value including decimals. Following this, we will be focusing on statistics.

We will use everything that we learn to improve our reasoning and problem solving skills and throughout the term, we will continue working on choosing the best method to solve a calculation and work on our mental arithmetic strategies.

How to help your child in maths

Give children the opportunity to tell the time on an analogue clock and ask them to identify o'clock, quarter past and half past. Also help your children to understand Maths in the world around them by talking and looking at money (£ and p) when shopping.

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars. We will continue to look at strategies to solve times tables questions.



History/Geography

We will be studying how the achievements of the ancient Maya impacted their society and beyond. We will sequence key periods of the civilization and explain choices that The Maya made, such as settling in the Amazon Rainforest and discussing the decline of the civilization.

In Geography this term, we will be studying South America. We will study the location and characteristics of the human and physical features of the continent. We will also look at the climate and tourism of this wonderful part of the world.



Computing

In computing, we will refresh our understanding of Online Safety and how to protect ourselves and our information.

Art



In art we will be looking at work including the use of printing and textiles, 3D art and collage.

Science

During Spring 1, we will learn all about Living Things. We will learn that all living things are classified into different groups dependent on identified features. We will also be focusing on what makes a habitat and potential dangers of changing habitats.



During Spring 2, we will learn all about The Water Cycle. We will understand the terms evaporation and condensation. We will focus on rates of evaporation and condensation and how this works within the environment.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be utilising our survival skills and improve our teamwork during Commando Joe sessions.

RE

In R.E we will look at What is Prayer? and consider how people from different religions pray.

As Easter approaches, we will focus on the story of betrayal and trust and explore what other faiths say about forgiveness.

PE

In PE this term we will be working hard to improve our gymnastics skills., developing tactics and strategies needed for invasion games and honing our tennis skills.

General Notices

PE for this half term will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday.

- Ukelele will continue be on a Monday afternoon.
- Our Spring term homework grid is now available on the school website.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us!